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SUBJECT: CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS

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1. CHARGE DISCUSSED EXTENSION OF AIR AGREEMENT WITH MFA DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR ZANTOVSKY MARCH 25 AS SET FORTH REFTEL. ZANTOVSKY EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF PROPOSAL, INCLUDING ADDITION OF COPENHAGEN. HE REITERATED HIS STATEMENT IN PREVIOUS DISCUSSION THAT CZECHS INTENDED TO IMPROVE PANAM'S COMMERCIAL SITUATION, MAKING IT CLEAR THAT HE MEANT THAT PANAM WOULD GET MORE PASSENGERS.

2. ZANTOVSKY ASKED IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR EXCHANGE OF NOTES TO CONTAIN SOME BASIS FOR TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN AIRLINES SEEKING ADJUSTMENT OF AGENCY AGREEMENT TO BROADEN CSA'S POSSIBILITIES FOR TICKET SALES. CHARGE REPLIED THAT, WHILE AGENCY AGREEMENT WAS BETWEEN AIRLINES, NOT GOVERNMENTS, HE DOUBTED THAT ANY SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES IN EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS UNDER THE CSA-PAA AGENCY AGREEMENT WERE POSSIBLE IN PRESENT CLIMATE.

3. WHILE ZANTOVSKY'S VIEWS WERE OBVIOUSLY TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CONSULTATION WITH CIVAIR AUTHORITIES, HE SEEMED CONFIDENT THAT THE CZECHS WOULD ACCEPT ONE-YEAR EXTENSION AS
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STIPULATED. CZECHS ARE LIKELY TO SEEK LANGUAGE IN EXCHANGE

OF NOTES ENCOURAGING PAA TO ENTER DISCUSSIONS WITH CSA TO
ADJUST GENERAL AGENCY AGREEMENT, BUT ARE UNLIKELY TO MAKE
THIS STICKING POINT.
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